

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 8, with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a continuation of U.S. application serial no. 10/404,914, filed April 1, 2003 (now ~~pending~~ abandoned), which is a continuation of U.S. application serial no. 09/842,104, filed April 30, 2001 (now abandoned), which is a continuation of U.S. application serial no. 09/241,232, filed February 1, 1999 (now U.S. patent no. 6,312,734 B1), which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. application serial no. 09/237,801, filed January 27, 1999 (now abandoned), which claims priority to RU98120753, filed November 23, 1998.